

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 924
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee of Clarksville, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Darden-Keesee was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Clarksville, Tennessee, and a 1969 graduate of Burt High School, Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee was a highly respected member of her community, and was the First Runner-Up for "Miss Burt High" during her senior year of high school; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Darden-Keesee served with acumen and alacrity as a Wal-Mart Sales Associate and as a bus driver for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, in which positions she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee was an active and devout member of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Darden-Keesee was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee enjoyed more than 33 years of loving companionship with her husband, Edward Keesee. She was the proud mother of Reginald Keesee and the devoted grandmother of Ebone Ra'Shawn Keesee and Autumn Renee Keesee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Darden-Keesee will also be greatly missed by her mother, Bobbie Lee Broomfield Darden; her sisters, Sandra (Wallace) Taylor and Rosalynd (Henry) Greene; her

brother, Robert L. (Candy) Darden; her nieces, Rosa Nicole Darden and Kristen Taylor; her nephews, Kevin Greene and Robert Darden, Jr.; her loving mother-in-law, Edna Keesee; her sisters-in-law, Jane, Earlene, and Sarah; her devoted friend, Cheryl Long; and a host of other friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee was preceded in death by her father, Rev. Lloyd Darden; and

WHEREAS, a kind, gentle, and loving person, she leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Brenda Elaine Darden-Keesee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.